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RE: Bill 15, CD2, Proposed FD1-Ozawa

Dear Council Chair Ernie Martin and Councilmembers,

I oppose the suggested FD1 which would remove funding for the purchase and protection of Kanewai Spring in Kuliuouou. There is overwhelming community support for the longstanding conservation effort. Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center has built substantial community goodwill over the six years that it has been restoring the Kanewai Spring site. Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center opens monthly community workdays to all who are interested in learning about and caring for the last large open spring still connected to the ocean in Honolulu. The State Board of Land and Natural Resources has approved \$1.3 million to match the City's \$1.0 million from the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund.

Please restore the funds for Kanewai Spring in the Executive Capital Budget so that Kanewai Spring will be permanenetly protected and cared for by the community. This is a non-partisan issue with impact on our entire community. Thank you for your prompt consideration.

Aloha,

Senator Sam Slom
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